

CLAIMS

1. Ladder support apparatus, the apparatus comprising a base member, a ground engaging part provided on the underside of the base member which part includes at least twenty ground engaging upstanding projections, and a ladder engaging part provided on the top side of the base member, the ladder engaging part including a plurality of upstanding projections engageable with the feet of a ladder so as to substantially prevent slippage thereof, the apparatus also including an abutment member provided on the top side of the base member, against which abutment member the feet of a ladder can abut, the abutment member including an upstanding wall extending transversely across the apparatus.
- 15 2. Apparatus according to claim 1, characterised in that the ladder engaging part includes at least twenty upstanding projections which are engageable with the feet of the ladder.
- 20 3. Apparatus according to claim 2, characterised in that the upstanding projections are pointed.
- 25 4. Apparatus according to claims 2 or 3, characterised in that the upstanding projections are provided by a pressed plate, which plate may be made of steel and may be galvanised.
- 30 5. Apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the ground engaging part comprises a section of pressed galvanised steel plate.
6. Apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the abutment member has a generally shallow U-shape in plan view.

7. Apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the apparatus includes a handle.

5 8. Apparatus according to claim 7, characterised in that the handle is in the form of an opening in the base member.

9. Apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the ground engaging part has greater than one hundred projections.

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10. Apparatus according to claim 9, characterised in that the ground engaging part has greater than five hundred projections.

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11. Apparatus according to claim 10, characterised in that the ground engaging part has greater than a thousand projections.

12. Apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the base member is flexible so as to adopt at least partially to the profile of underlying uneven ground.

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13. Apparatus according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the base member is made of plastics material.

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14. Apparatus according to claim 13, characterised in that the base member is made of polypropylene.